

Why not recognize ISO 9000 -

International Organization for Standardization(ISO) 9000 is an international standard that many companies use to ensure that their quality assurance system is in place and effective. Conformance to ISO 9000 is said to guarantee that a company delivers quality products and services. To follow ISO 9000, a company's management team decides quality assurance policies and objectives. Next, the company or an external consultant formally writes down the company's policies and requirements and how the staff can implement the quality assurance system. Once this guideline is in place and the quality assurance procedures are implemented, an outside assessor examines the company's quality assurance system to make sure it complies with ISO 9000. A detailed report describes the parts of the standard the company missed, and the company agrees to correct any problems within a specific time. Once the problems are corrected, the company is certified as in conformance with the standard.

For the Translab we use AASHTO Materials Research Lab (AMRL) and Concrete Cement Research Lab (CCRL) for binder, aggregate, cement and concrete labs. For the Structural Materials Lab we use the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA). The mission of A2LA is to provide comprehensive services in laboratory accreditation and laboratory-related training. Services are available to any type of organization, be it private or government. Laboratory accreditation is based on internationally accepted criteria for competence (ISO/IEC 17025:2005).

Like ISO 9000 we use AMRL, CCRL & A2LA to ensure that our quality assurance policies and objectives are being followed. Please call me if you have questions.